

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended. Claims 13-15 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 1 through 12 and Claims 16 -21 remain pending.

35 U.S.C. Section 103 Rejections

Paragraphs 2-4 of the above referenced Office Action rejects Claims 1-12 and 16-21 as unpatentable over DeFrasne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,603,629 (hereafter DeFrasne) in further view of Wallace, U.S. Patent No. 5,933,328 (hereafter Wallace) under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended to more particularly point out aspects of the present invention. Consequently, Applicants respectfully assert that the present invention as recited in amended independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by the cited combination.

Independent Claims 1, 6, and 17 have been amended to recite limitations describing the SIM connector wherein the SIM connector includes a plurality of contacts, is smaller than the SIM card. This limitation distinguishes from the simple electrical contacts shown by the Wallace reference (e.g., Wallace Figure 8, 29a-31a and 33a-35a). Applicants point out that the simple electrical contacts shown by Wallace is not a SIM connector as in the claimed invention (e.g., SIM

connector 103, including its electrical contacts, as shown in Figure 4 of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, the combination of DeFrasne and Wallace does not teach or suggest a single piece back housing, that contains the device's PCB, that receives the SIM card. The combination does not show or suggest, within a single piece back housing of the personal information device, a SIM connector mounted on the PCB, the SIM connector configured to electrically connect the SIM card to the PCB when the SIM card is engaged with the SIM connector, wherein the SIM connector is smaller than the SIM card.

For the above rationale, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claim 1, 6, and 17 is not rendered obvious by DeFrasne and Wallace within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 103.

CONCLUSION

All remaining claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,
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